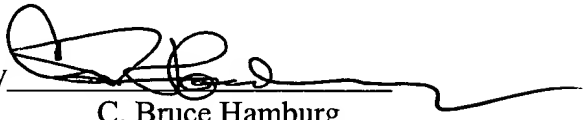


REMARKS

The changes herein are directed to formalities not involving issues of patentability.

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## APPENDIX

### AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING

1. (Amended) A rechargeable battery, [characterized in that] wherein a battery housing [(2)] containing elements for electromotive force of a cell [(1)] is formed in a rectangular shape having short sides with a narrow width and long sides with a wide width, and a plurality of cells [(1)] are linked together adjacent to one another between the short sides of their battery housings [(2)] to form a battery pack with a required electrical capacity.

2. (Amended) A rechargeable battery, [characterized in that] wherein a battery housing [(2)] containing elements for electromotive force of a cell [(1)] is formed in a rectangular shape having short sides with a narrow width and long sides with a wide width, a plurality of cells [(1)] are linked together adjacent to one another between the short sides of their battery housings [(2)] to form battery modules, these battery modules are arranged in parallel in a plurality of rows adjacent to one another between the long sides of the battery housings [(2)], and the plurality of rows of battery modules are linked together to form a battery pack with a required electrical capacity.

3. (Amended) The rechargeable battery according to Claim 2, wherein a heat transfer plate [(30)] with good thermal conductivity is provided between the battery modules disposed in parallel.

4. (Amended) The rechargeable battery according to Claim 2, wherein a heat transfer plate [(30)] with good thermal conductivity is provided between the battery modules disposed in parallel, and end heat transfer plates [(29)] exposed to the outside from the plurality of integrated cells [(1)] are linked to the ends of this heat transfer plate [(30)] in the direction in which the battery modules are linked.

5. (Amended) The rechargeable battery according to Claim 3 or 4, wherein a coolant is made to flow through the heat transfer plate [(30)] and/or the end heat transfer plates [(29)].

6. (Amended) The rechargeable battery according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein a plurality of cells [(21)] are linked together with the elements for electromotive force of each cell [(21)] provided inside a battery case [(22, 36)] in which the individual battery housings are integrally formed adjacent to one another between the short sides thereof.

7. (Amended) The rechargeable battery according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein a plurality of cells [(1, 21)] are sandwiched between a pair of binding plates [(14, 24)], and the plurality of cells [(1, 21)] are integrally linked by tying the pair of binding plates [(14, 24)] together.

8. (Amended) The rechargeable battery according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the plurality of cells [(1)] are integrally linked with the linking position and linking direction varied as desired.

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